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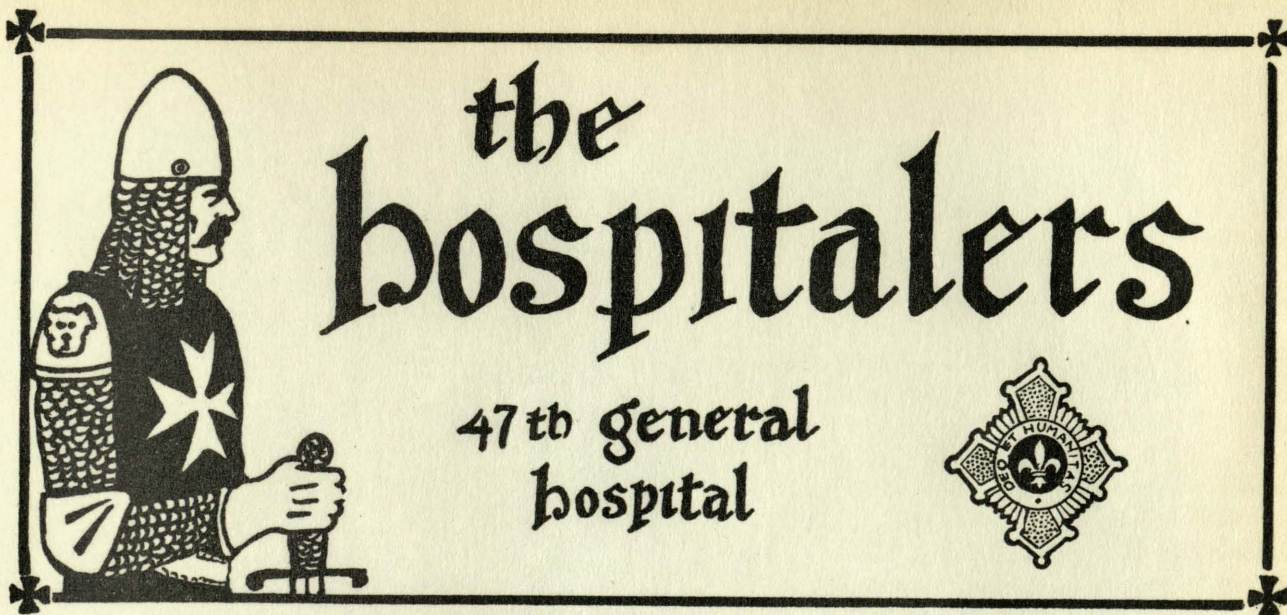
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INSTRUCTION ON GENERAL NURSING PROCEDURE

TRAINING OF WARD MEN

SPECIAL LESSON NO. 2

Instruction on General Nursing  
Procedure -- Training of Ward  
Men.

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ESTIMATED TIME

- 2 hours.

TEXT ASSIGNMENT

- None.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- None.

MAXIMUM WEIGHT

- 100.

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EXERCISE:

GENERAL SITUATION - War was declared between Red and Blue on May 1, 1940. The boundary line between the two countries is in the general line: Monterey-Fresno - Independence (California), Red lying to the north of this boundary and Blue to the south. After preliminary invasion of the Blue territory by mechanized Red forces, the enemy was driven north by the fully mobilized Blue Army. Both



forces are now holding well intrenched lines defended by elaborate field fortification and action is largely stalemated and is likely to be during the coming wet season.

SPECIAL SITUATION - A major emergency having arisen, the commanding officer of the 47th General Hospital has been ordered to mobilize this unit and be ready to receive patients within 30 days from this date, December 13, 1939. All commissioned officers of the unit have reported for duty. The relief nurse and ten Red Cross nurses have arrived and additional nurses will arrive during the next two weeks. 400 enlisted men from various walks in life have arrived and been given quarters. These men are roughly tabulated as follows as to experience:

Bookkeepers . . . . .	2
Carpenters. . . . .	10
Chemistry teachers (High school). . . . .	2
Clerks. . . . .	12
Cobblers. . . . .	2
College chemistry completed . . . . .	8
College physics completed . . . . .	5
Dental technician . . . . .	1
Electricians. . . . .	2
Farmers . . . . .	15
First aid men (Industrial). . . . .	2
Graduate nurses(male) . . . . .	5
Hospital orderlies. . . . .	3
Janitors. . . . .	10
Jewelers or watch repairers . . . . .	2
Laboratory technicians. . . . .	1
Licensed chauffeurs . . . . .	15
Osteopathic students. . . . .	3
Musicians . . . . .	4
Photographer, newspaper . . . . .	1
Photographer, amateur . . . . .	1
Pharmacists . . . . .	2
Plumbers. . . . .	7
Hospital Attendants . . . . .	3
Premedical students . . . . .	5
Salesmen. . . . .	10
Stenographers . . . . .	10
Teachers. . . . .	4
Truck drivers . . . . .	4
X-ray technicians . . . . .	1
Mechanics, skilled and less skilled . . . . .	100
Laborers, no particular qualifications. . . . .	100



REQUIREMENT -

You have been assigned to the following tasks:

1. Training of nurses in the procedure and routine of an Army Hospital.
2. Selection of enlisted men for training in general nursing and ward work.
3. Effect plans for this training.

PROBLEM -

1. On what basis would you procede in your selection of suitable men for ward work?
2. Outline a four weeks training course.
3. From personnel at hand how would you procede in selection of teachers?



SOLUTION OF SPECIAL PROBLEM NO. 2

SERIES OF 1939 - 40

A total of 400 men will be assigned to the 47th General Hospital, 290 of which are to be assigned to the professional services. The first step to be taken will be a survey of the personnel. This will be carried out by means of a questionnaire and a personal interview with each man by a medical officer. The results of this survey will be indicated on a large chart, exhibiting in parallel columns the names of the men, their education, their previous employment, their past experience in the Army, in hospitals, in commercial and professional pursuits, etc., and the personal impression of the examiner. The officer in charge of training will request the commanding officer to place the nurses assigned to the unit under the supervision of the ward officers. From this survey, those men with previous experience in nursing will be selected as instructors for untrained, enlisted men under the supervision of medical officers. These instructors will also receive special instruction to prepare them for assignment as ward masters and assistant ward masters.

The Plans and Training Officer will requisition sufficient supplies to be used in instruction of ward attendants and nurses. All male nurses and other men qualified for ward attendant assignments will be assigned to duty in the wards of the hospital for a period of four weeks. During this time they will act as assistants to the ward masters. In addition to their work at the hospital they will receive one hour's instruction daily.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION

20 hours of lecture, 40 hours of demonstrations, and supervised ward work as assistant to ward masters.

First Week

Admission of patient.  
Care of patient's personal property, money and clothing.  
Sweeping and cleaning ward without raising dust.  
Temperature, pulse, respiration.  
Baths.

Second Week

Review,--especially in temperature, pulse and respiration.  
Bed making,--simple, surgical, fracture.  
Changing linen on occupied bed.  
Enemata.  
Continuous drips soaks.

Third Week

Lifting and handling patients.  
Fowler's position. Murphy drip.  
Use of catheter.  
Hypodermic.  
Signs of collapse, impending death, death.



Fourth Week

Care of property,--property check, drawing property, exchange of property.

Linen - Care, exchange, credit slips.

Ward morning reports. Report of death chart.

EXAMPLE OF DAY'S TRAINING

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5:45 - 6:00	7:30 - 8:25	8:30 - 9:25	9:30-10:25	10:30-11:25	11:55	2-2:55	3 - 4
A.M.					P. M.		

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School of the Soldier	Drill School of Detachment	Drill litter Drill regu- lation for Sanitary Troops	First Aid Mason's Handbook	Admission of Patient	Ward Demon- stration of Admission of Patient. Care of patients property, clothes and money.	---- work without litter
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Ward masters will be given a special course in instruction lasting four weeks. Surgical and dispensary assistants may be included. Ward officers will be responsible for instruction.

Example of Schedule of Instruction

20 days - Saturday & Sunday excluded  
60 hours didactic  
60 hours practical work

In addition to this below, 3 hours daily in practical work in wards, dispensary and dressing rooms.

Monday

10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Contusions and wounds.  
1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: The ward; duties of ward master and nurses.  
2:30 - 3:30 - Minor Surgery: Anesthesia, general and local.

Tuesday

10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Hemorrhages.  
1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Ward mangements and diets.  
2:30 - 3:30 - Minor Surgery: Duties of operating assistants.



Wednesday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Dislocations and sprains, diagnosis and treatment of.  
1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Beds and bedmaking - demonstration.  
2:30 - 3:30 - Minor Surgery: Operating assistants, duties of.

Thursday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Fractures.  
1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Baths and bathing.  
2:30 - 3:30 - Minor operations.

Friday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Fractures and treatment of.  
1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Enemata irrigations and catheterization.  
2:30 - 3:30 - Minor Surgery: Review.
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Monday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Foreign bodies, ear, eyes, nose and throat.  
1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: External applications.  
2:30 - 3:30 - Minor Surgery: Adhesive straps and strapping.

Tuesday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Heat and cold, effects of.  
1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Temperature, pulse and respiration.  
2:30 - 3:30 - Minor Surgery: Splints and immobilization of fractures.

Wednesday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Insensibility, causes and diagnosis of.  
1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Symptoms, subjective and objective.  
2:30 - 3:30 -

Thursday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Convulsions.  
1:15 - 2:30 - Nursing: Clinical Records.  
2:30 - 3:30 - Minor Surgery: Preparation of patient and instruments.

Friday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Asphyxia, artificial respirations.  
1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Bandages and bandaging.  
2:30 - 3:30 - Minor Surgery: Review.
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Monday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Poison.
- 1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Bandages - demonstration.
- 2:30 - 3:30 - Minor Surgery: Materia medica and therapeutics.

Tuesday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - First Aid: Poisoning - Treatment.
- 1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Bandaging.
- 2:30 - 3:30 - Materia medica & therapeutics: Drugs, Army supply table.

Wednesday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - Pharmacy: Definitions.
- 1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Infection & disinfection.
- 2:30 - 3:30 - Materia medica: Drugs, active principles.

Thursday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - Pharmacy: Preparations.
- 1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Infection & disinfection.
- 2:30 - 3:30 - Materia Medica: Classification of active principles.

Friday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - Pharmacy: Non-official preparations.
  - 1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Instruments and appliances.
  - 2:30 - 3:30 - Materia Medica & Therapeutics: Administration of medicines.
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Monday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - Pharmacy: Making preparations.
- 1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Operating room and surgical nursing.
- 2:30 - 3:30 - Dosage:

Tuesday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - Pharmacy: ~~Weights & measures.~~
- 1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Nursing of infectious disease.
- 2:30 - 3:30 - Review

Wednesday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - Pharmacy: Incompatibilities.
- 1:15 - 2:15 - Nursing: Infectious disease - spread of.
- 2:30 - 3:30 - Hygiene: Disposal of wastes.

Thursday

- 10:30 - 11:30 - Hygiene: Disease prevention.
  - 1:15 - 4:15 - WRITTEN EXAMINATION
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Those passing reported eligible for special ratings.

A large amount of this subject can be best taught by practical demonstration, and qualified ward officers will be selected as instructors.